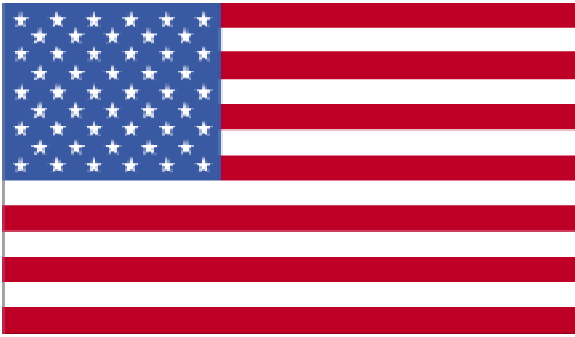


Photo Highlights from South India

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Members of Rhythmic Prophecies, a jazz quartet from the U.S., perform at Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan in Bangalore. The musicians (l-r) Zacai Curtis, Luques Curtis, Reinaldo de Jesus and Richie Barshay play a mix of traditional jazz forms, with rhythms incorporated from Africa, Cuba, and de Jesus' birthplace Puerto Rico. Seen at the far left of this photo is Udupa, a well-known percussionist from Bangalore, who joined Rhythmic Prophecies onstage for several songs.



Rhythmic Prophecies percussionist Reinaldo de Jesus tried his hand at an Indian drum, guided by a local musician in Bangalore.



U.S. speaker Bill Brown delivered the "Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer Endowment Lecture" on "Public Private Partnerships in Cyber Security Law Enforcement" at the University of Madras on February 7. Pictured, from left, are Lecturer Dr. Priyamvada, Former Tamil Nadu Director Generals of Police Mr. Vaikunth and Mr. V.R. Lakshminarayanan, Consul General David T. Hopper, Department of Criminology head Dr. R. Thangaraj, Brown, and CISSTech Pvt. Ltd. Director Mr. Rama K. Subramanian.



U.S. speaker Bill Brown lectures on "Security and Cyber Terrorism: What Businesses Should Know about Cyber Security," at the Metropolitan Accord Hotel, in Chennai. Also pictured (l-r) are: Public Affairs Officer Ravi Candadai and Office Tiger CEO Mr. Lonnie Sapp.



Students from Stella Maris College in Chennai perform a reading of August Wilson's play "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom." The Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Consulate held readings of three Wilson plays at three Chennai colleges as part of their celebrations of Black History Month, and also as a way to remember the brilliance of August Wilson, who died in October, 2004.



Consul General David T. Hopper and his wife Susan are feted by members of the Friends of United States Society. Seen from left are: Mrs. Thiagarajan; Mr. and Mrs. Hopper; S. Thiagarajan, President of Friends of United States; and K.N. Ranganathan, Founder President of Friends of United States.



Mr. N. Ram, Editor-in-Chief of "The Hindu," paid a visit to the Consulate to take part in a video conference organized by U.S. Consulate Kolkata. Pictured (l-r) are: Public Affairs Officer Ravi Candadai, Ram, and members of the Consulate press team, Koteswara Rao, Elayaperumal Paramasivan, and Bharath Kumar Harapanahalli.